

PROPOSED RULE CHANGES SUMMARY

571—IAC Chapter 61 “State Parks, Recreation Areas and State Forest Camping”

The State Parks Bureau of the Iowa DNR will begin the process to promulgate rules to establish a rental fee for a new large open shelter at Lake Manawa State Park and to change the 3-night minimum-stay requirement for the Fourth of July holiday for all camping reservations and for the multi-family cabin at Springbrook State Park. DNR would like input from the public before proceeding with formal rule making. Input will be accepted via e-mail, regular mail or orally. The deadline for providing input is November 21, 2016.

1. Large Open Picnic Shelter – Lake Manawa State Park, Pottawattamie County

PROPOSED RENTAL FEE: \$75/day plus applicable tax
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A new large open picnic shelter design is now being used in state parks (see image below). These new shelters are two to four times larger than the older style shelters. The large shelters can accommodate anywhere from 150-200 people and are equipped with electricity. There are three parks that have this size shelter and the rental fee for those shelters is \$75/day (Big Creek and Lake Darling State Parks, and Brushy Creek State Recreation Area). DNR proposes that the new shelter at Lake Manawa State Park have the same rental fee as the other large shelters located at Big Creek, Lake Darling and Brushy Creek.

Construction is anticipated to occur in 2017 with a completion date of August 2017.



Large Shelter at Brushy Creek State Recreation Area

2. 3-night Minimum Stay - Fourth of July Holiday -- Camping

Camping reservations must be for a minimum of two nights for the weekend and the two nights are designated as a Friday and Saturday night. There are exceptions for the three major camping holidays of Memorial Day weekend, Fourth of July holiday, and Labor Day weekend.

The DNR would like to change the 3-night minimum stay requirement for the Fourth of July holiday. Currently a 3-night minimum stay is required for the Fourth of July holiday when the Fourth of July occurs on a Thursday, Friday, Saturday or Monday.

CURRENT REQUIREMENT:

- If the Fourth of July occurs on a Thursday, Friday, or Saturday, campers with reservations must stay Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.
- If the Fourth of July occurs on Monday, campers with reservations must stay Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights.

The DNR would like to require a 3-night minimum stay for the Fourth of July holiday ONLY when the Fourth of July occurs on a Monday. This simplifies 3-night stay to be the same as Memorial Day and Labor Day holidays.

PROPOSED RULE LANGUAGE:

- A Friday, Saturday, and Sunday night stay is required for the Fourth of July holiday if the Fourth of July occurs on a Monday.

3. 3-night Minimum Stay – Fourth of July Holiday – Springbrook Multi-family Cabin

Renters must reserve the multi-family cabin at Springbrook for a minimum of two nights year-round except for the Memorial Day holiday, Fourth of July holiday and Labor Day holiday. For those holidays, a 3-night minimum stay is required.

The DNR would like to change the 3-night minimum stay requirement for the Fourth of July holiday. Currently a 3-night minimum stay is required for the fourth of July holiday when the Fourth of July occurs on a Thursday, Friday, Saturday, or Monday.

CURRENT REQUIREMENT:

- If the Fourth of July occurs on a Thursday, Friday, or Saturday, cabin renters must stay Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.
- If the Fourth of July occurs on Monday, cabin renters must stay Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights.

The DNR would like to require a 3-night minimum stay for the Fourth of July holiday ONLY when the Fourth of July occurs on a Monday. This simplifies 3-night stay to be the same as Memorial Day and Labor Day holidays.

PROPOSED RULE LANGUAGE:

- A Friday, Saturday and Sunday night stay is required for the Fourth of July holiday if the Fourth of July occurs on a Monday.

COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 4:30 PM (CST) NOVEMBER 21, 2016

Comments may be sent to:

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TENTATIVE RULE MAKING SCHEDULE:

Notice of Intended Action: February 2017

Public Hearing: March 2017

Final and Adopted Action: April 2017

Rules and Fee Goes Into Effect: June 2017